to give more employment in coal mines to the local people of Chhota Nagpur in Bihar and also give coal agencies to the poor people of that area; and

(b) If so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMA GOUDA): (a) to (b). As per prescribed procedure, requisitions for filling up vacant posts, if any, are sent to the local employment exchange of Chhota Nagpur for sponsoring suitable candidates to be considered on merit. In case the local employment exchange has no candidates to sponsor, resort to open advertisement is made. Actual extent of employment of local people, however, depends on the available vacant posts.

Coal India Limited does not have any policy for giving coal agencies to individuals.

Distribution and sale of Aluminium

1215. SHRI KARIA MUNDA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Governemnt propose to undertake the distribution and sale of aluminium of all the aluminium companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES(SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government do not propose to control distribution and sale of aluminium as there is adequate availability of aluminium in the country.

[*Translation*]

Durgavati Reservoir Project

1216. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the present stage of construction of the Durgavati Reservoir Project in Bihar;

(b) the expenditure likely to be incurred on the project; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). The work on earth dam has been nearly completed except for river portion and the portion adjoining the spillway and irrigation sluices. The work on spillway, spill channel and deep diversion channel is in preliminary stage. The progress of earth work on the right and left main canals is about 25 per cent. An expenditure of Rs. 69 crores has been incurred upto March, 1991 against the latest estimated cost of Rs. 147.40 crores.

(c) The project is scheduled for completion in VIII Plan.

Coal deposits in Bihar

1217. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated coal deposits in Bihar, district-wise;

(b) the coal projects started during the last two years and those which are under consideration at present;

(c) the progress made in the on-going projects;

(d) whether the progress is in accordance with the programme formulated in this regard; and